

ODE 5.



PARTHENOPHE ! See what is sent!

By me (fair Nymph!) these Saints
salute Whose presents in this basket
here,
Faithful PARTHENOPHIL doth bear! Nor
will I prove ingrate ! nor mute be! If my
power were,

Such gifts as these (If they
would please) Here willingly I
would present!

And these, those presents present be 1
First, JUNO sent to thee, these lilies! In
whose stead chaste Affection moves®

VENUS hath sent two turtle doves !
NARCISSUS gives thee daffodillies !

For doves, true loves 1

For daffodillies

My golden wills ! Which countervails
what here is sent thee!

FLORA doth greet thee, with sweet
roses I THETIS, with rich pearls orient!

LEUCOTHOE, with frankincense!

For roses, my love's chaste pretence!
For pearls, those tears which I have
spent!

My sighs' incense,

For sweet perfume!

Thus I presume, Poor Shepherd ! to
present these posies!